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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Group Art Unit

Examiner:

Applicant: Tadeusz Z. Wellisz  
Serial No.: 09/840,441  
Filed: April 24, 2001  
For: **BARBED CLIP FOR BONE  
ALIGNMENT AND FIXATION**

Pasadena, California  
July 26, 2001

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sirs:

In response to the 6/21/01 ''Notice of Incomplete  
Nonprovisional Application'', the following are  
enclosed:

- 1) A copy of the Notice.
- 2) A complete specification, our Docket 12,222,  
including:
  - pp. 1-13 of text
  - pp. 14-22 of claims (claims 1-34)
  - p. 23 ABSTRACT
  - drawing Figs. 1-8.

3) Copy of newly executed Declaration covering the above items.

Kindly file the above, and

- advise applicant of the filing date accorded this filing.
- treat this as a Petition for accordation to applicant of the original filing date 4/24/01.

It is believed and urged that the specification was included with the original specification of this application (14 pages of specification and 9 pages of claims) as stated on the postcard receipt (copy enclosed).

Furthermore, applicant's attorney's practice is to file the specification in front of the drawings, and clipped to the drawings; there was no indication from the PTO that the drawings were not filed; so that if the drawings were filed the great likelihood is that the specification was also enclosed, to be filed. If the practice of the PTO is to un-clip the specification from the drawings, the specification might well have been misplaced after its separation from the drawings, by clerks.